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TNA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Jerry Williams

The 110th ANA Convention has come and gone but certainly not forgotten The attendance was 12,347 for the five-day turnout Bill Fivaz and his committee did a wonderful job on this convention I always say, this has to be the best one yet, after each convention. There were over one hundred exhibitors, which were all good exhibits A fellow Texan, Thomas Law, with an outstanding exhibit on Gold coins won the best of show. There were educational programs of all kinds and sometimes two at the same time. They were all numismatic connected There were 400 plus dealers and 14 mints set up. The Bureau of Printing and Engraving had their Billion-Dollar exhibit on display, with a lot to see Just not enough hours in the day to see it all. As you entered the bourse room, the first thing you saw was a replica of an old sailing ship, representing the SS Central America that went down in a hurricane in 1857 loaded with California gold There was at least $20,000 or more on display in the ship. Heritage Numismatic Auctions, Inc. was in charge of the auctions. There were 3,872 lots that were auctioned off in six sessions with the total sales of 9 8 million dollars. One of the lots was a MS66, 1932-D Washington quarter that sold for $86,420

Barbara and I got to visit with lots of old friends and made some new ones also. We went to the banquet on Saturday night, which is always a very nice affair My good friend, Bob Campbell stepped down from the Presidents job and handed it over to John Wilson, newly elected president Bob has done such a good job but I'm sure John will also He and his wife Nancy have worked for the good of the ANA for years Nancy is one of ANA's past governors We got two for the price of one with that couple Gary Lewis, who gave an educational program at the TNA convention last May, was elected as Vice President After the convention, we drove about sixteen miles east of Atlanta to see Stone Mountain. We went on top of that big rock and could see Atlanta What a beautiful park that is around Stone Mountain From there, we traveled north to near Clarksville to Apple Mountain Resort where we had a condo for a week

We took a number of day trips from there with Dahlonega, Georgia being one of them In fact we spent two days there. The Dahlonega Mint had been there when it burned in 1878 The old courthouse built in 1836, now houses the museum They have a movie of the early days in the town and the mines around it. There is a display of all the gold that Dahlonega Mint minted. The mint minted only $1.00, $2 50, $3.00, and $5 00 coins. The coins were produced in 1838 to 1861 Just as the Civil war started, the mint was closed and the mint did not reopen after the war The Government donated the building to the North Georgia State College in 1873 You can see the gold dome anywhere in town. I did get a book on the Dahlonega Gold that I did not have for my library Barbara enjoyed the shops there also. Another day, we went to Franklin North Carolina and went to one of the largest indoor flea/antique markets I've seen It was about the size of four football fields I

found a candy dish with a top that I had been looking for for maybe twenty years. The candy dish is green in color with coins imprinted in the glass This dish was made in 1892. What a find! Barbara would not let me stop at every flea market we passed She said, I could open my on flea market with all my junk that I have On our trip, like always, we tried to stop at all the museums along the way and one of the best is in Jefferson, Texas. That has to be one of the best-kept secrets in Texas It has all types of paper money, maps, deeds and all sorts of paper collectibles I have been to Jefferson several times but did not hear about this one. John Rowe and Steve Ivy have been a big part of this museum. Don't miss seeing this if you go to Jefferson. There is also a good history museum there also. We had a great driving trip this time. Like I've said before, plan your convention around your vacation or is that the other way around? Till next time! Jerry

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ANA Election Results

A new president and vice president, and four new and three incumbents have been elected to the American Numismatic Association (ANA) nine-member Board of Governors, with 8,220 ballots cast in the biennial election. ANA Vice President John Wilson of Ocala, Florida, was elected president, defeating Past Governor Will Rossman of Estes Park, Colorado. Wilson received 4,841 votes to Rossman's 3,225 in the first contested race for the ANA presidency since 1975. In the contested election for the vice presidency, Governor Gary E. Lewis of Cape Coral, Florida, defeated Governor Alan Herbert of Belle Fourche, South Dakota, by a vote of 4,343 to 3,582. New Board members are M. Remy Bourne, Arthur M. Fitts III, William H Horton Jr and Jerry Lebo. Incumbents re-elected are Patricia A. Finner, Kay Edgerton Lenker and Barry S. Stuppler.

President H Robert Campbell and Governor Thomas Hallenbeck, who both served two terms on the ANA Board, did not seek re-election. Past President Anthony Swiatek was prohibited from seeking another term, having served the 10-year limit of five terms.

Wilson, a 23-year life member of the ANA, is a collector, exhibitor, exhibit judge, author, speaker and researcher. A member of the Board of Governors since 1995, he also has served as president of the Central States Numismatic Society and governor of the Society of Paper Money Collectors. He is a recipient of the Association's Medal of Merit, Glenn Smedley Memorial Award and Presidential Award

Lewis, a 41-year life member of the ANA, was first elected to the Board of Governors in 1995 and has served on the ANA's Audit, Finance, Exhibit, Resolutions, Mediation, Commemorative Quarter and Young Numismatists Committees He also has served as a regional, district and club representative and is the 1979 recipient of the ANA Outstanding Adult Advisor Award.

All members of the ANA Board of Governors elected this year assumed office during the Association's 110th Anniversary Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, August 8-12. Votes garnered by the winning candidates, as tabulated by the independent accounting firm of Grant Thornton (in descending order of votes received) are:

5,377 for Finner of Iola, Wisconsin
4,875 for Lenker of San Diego, California
4,628 for Stuppler of Woodland Hills, California
4,566 for Arthur M Fitts III of Framingham, Massachusetts
4,507 for M Remy Bourne of Minneapolis, Minnesota
4,321 for Jerry Lebo of Logansport, Indiana
4,263 for William H Horton Jr of Keyport, New Jersey

Votes received by the 4 unsuccessful candidates, in descending order are:

4,030 for Walter A Ostromecki Jr of Panorama City, California
4,026 for Steven K Ellsworth of Clifton, Virginia
3,979 for Karen Jach of Milwaukee, Wisconsin
3,958 for Gar Travis of Jacksonville, North Carolina

A Few Words from the Editor

By Benny Bolin

"AN EXCITING TIME TO BE IN THE HOBBY"

Yes, September in Texas is usually exciting due to the cooler weather, kids going back to school and RAIN! This year all that and more have certainly made this time an exciting time. It is definitely cooler than last year and some of us, especially our friends in Houston have had more than enough rain. It is also an exciting time to be involved in the hobby of numismatics. With the state quarter program going full steam ahead, the Texas quarter coming soon and the contest for the design being run by TNA, it is indeed a great time to be active. Those things coupled with all the mules and other error coins (some kind of questionable, but still exciting), all the new commems, the Buffalo and Sac dollars, the 2001 silver proof set out and available from the mint, etc., we are really flying high. However, in order to fly high, you need to always remember your roots. So, think about what you have done for your hobby lately. Get involved, even if it is only recruiting one new member. You can also write an article for the TNA News, do an educational presentation at your local club or develop an exhibit showcasing your hobby. I welcome your input and would love to have more articles from our membership or submission of the primer column. Share your collection and your knowledge and make this next year even greater! If you want to submit something to me to publish, the deadlines for upcoming issues are:

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

By: RAYMOND E. WHYBORN

Welcome to members #6306 - 6350 and LM-188. No objections were received and these applicants became members on September 1st

The following have applied for membership If approved, they will become members #6351 - 63589 on November 1st, 2001

R-6351 - D-01 Bob L. Starnes, 338 Charles St., Keller TX 76248 Gary Hill

R-6352 - D-09 Jimmy Jones, 1605 East Hester, Brownfield TX 79316-6044, State Quarters, Proofs and Silver Dollars, Lamonte Pitzer

R-6353 - D-14 Ernesto Galvan, P O Box 715, Donna TX 78537, U.S and Mexico, Helen Snider

R-6354 - D-04 David T Allen, 3102 Cavalcade Court, Austin TX 78746, U.S coins, (esp (patterns) and ancients, Gary Hill

R-6355 - D-09 Josh T Howard, 4922 63rd Street, Lubbock TX 79414, U.S. coins and Currency, Lamonte Pitzer

R-6356 - D-04 William H Hill, 1118 Deer Run, Killeen TX 76549, Type

R-6357 - D-03 Rodney L McClintock, 2155 S. First St , Abilene TX 79605, Pratt's Coin Shop, Secretary's Office

R-6358 - D-22 Russell A. Augustin, P O Box 55909, Metairie LA 70055, Numistech, Jerry Williams

R-6359 - D-06 Cory D Johnson, 9900 Richmond Ave, #1802, Houston 77042, Paper money, Type sets, F Clark

VIP Award for this month is shared by Gary Hill and Lamonte Pitzer

Au revoir - Farewell - Adios - We'll Miss You!

It is with sadness that I must remove some names from the membership roles. The following members have not responded to numerous attempts to contact them and the U S Postal Service returns their correspondence and their copies of the TNA News If you know the whereabouts of these folks, please let the Secretary know without delay!

Kathleen Brady, **R-5809,** 8434 Katy FWY, Ste 203, Houston TX 77024, (DBA- Pinnacle Rarities)

Dale Caraway, **LM-105**, 8131 N W. 43rd Ln, Ocala FL 34482-2017, (DBA-CCC Investment Co)

Charles L. Chandler, **R-6085**, 406 S. Ballard, Pampa TX 79065

Raymond A Cobb, **LM-172**, 13869 Old Hwy 69, Konawa OK 74849-9713

E. Ray Kirkpatrick, **LM-53,** 2515 1st St., Bay City TX 77414-6803

John Nash, R-6207, LKA, 13310 Westheimer #200, Houston TX 77077, (DBA-The History Banque)

Please note that three (3) of these folks are Life Members If you know anything about these five members, please contact the Secretary

FAMOUS TEXAS NUMISMATISTS

The Secretary Remembers

By: Ray Whyborn, NLG

Collecting dues each year is a gosh-awful lot of work and it takes quite a bit of time do it, and to do it right There is, however, a pleasant side to the task and that side makes it worth all the frustration of handling unsigned checks, omitted membership numbers or district numbers and incorrect amounts without explanations and all of the other frustrations that one encounters in this line of endeavor.

The pleasant part? There are several of them. One is the beautiful stamps that members place on the envelopes In addition to being a numismatist, I am also a pretty good stamp collector, bordering on being a philatelist. Seeing different stamps as I open the dues envelopes brings a smile to my weary face. Many of you older members know that I collect stamps and go out of your way to use attractive or older stamps when you pay your dues. I want you to know that I really do appreciate it!

The other pleasant part, and perhaps the best part of all, is hearing from old friends! Being the Secretary is like having two or more Christmases every year. I hear from family, distant relatives, social friends, old shipmates, air-crewmen and folks I've been close to over the years. Then comes TNA dues time. I hear from old friends in one of the greatest hobbies in the world Oh what a joy it is to hear from someone that was in the same club or same study group or the same show committee many years ago!

It doesn't take much, just a word or two from someone you knew years ago. The greatest pleasure is when you hear from an individual that you haven't heard from in ages, like a few weeks back when I heard from an old friend that I hadn't seen since my early days in San Antonio. We were both members of the old San Antonio Coin Club I was a struggling numismatist and full time aviation logistician trying to make my mark in numismatics and in the field of aviation simultaneously My friend, or probably I'd better say acquaintance, joined TNA in the early days and was authoring some of the best articles I had ever read in various popular numismatic publications of the day. He had joined TNA virtually the day it was organized He is one of the TNA Charter Members and he asked me recently how many members are still in the organization with a membership number lower than his Have you guessed to whom I am referring?

The gentleman is the noted numismatic author, Courtney L. Coffing, R-0025, of Iola WI. I was as interested as he was in whether there were any other members still around with a membership number lower than 25 That turned out to be more difficult than one might imagine. Many of the old timers realized that TNA was organized by some of the very best numismatists and promised to be around for a very long time They took advantage of the low Life Membership fees at the time, and converted to Life Members. Record keeping was not as refined in those days, so details are rather sketchy about

when conversions were actually accomplished It appears that Chris Johns of Houston, was the only other member with a number lower than 25

So, how did Courtney get interested in coins, and stay interested in them for over 69 years? His aunt was on her way to live in Spain in 1932 and asked him what she could send to him As any 12-year-old youngster with an interest in the finer things in life, he asked her to send, or bring him, coins. She brought back the old coppers of Spain and Africa. If those coppers didn't get Courtney really hooked, the sales tax tokens issued by Illinois, New Mexico, Missouri and Oklahoma about that time caught his eye and traveling friends obliged him by bringing him all different denominations and values.

With all that being said, I thought I'd comply with Benny's continued urging to write a *numismatic profile* and do so on the lowest-numbered, surviving regular member of the Texas Numismatic Association.

Courtney L. Coffing

He, like many of us, discovered the Tratham Stamp and Coin Co. and their approval program. He loved their approvals and ordered from them within

his limited budget. The U.S Marine Corp soon became his travel agent and he did a tour in China The mystery of Chinese coinage stirred his interest even more. Courtney then spent over a year in Mexico on the G.I Bill getting his master's degree, and there he met more friends and found a new collecting interest in the coins of Mexico.

Recalled for the Korean conflict, he wound up in Southern California, where he was exposed in 1950 to the excitement of the California State Numismatic Association and their well-known and well-attended conventions in Long Beach, the forerunners of the current Long Beach shows that still attract collectors and dealers from all over the world. How many of you old timers

remember those great coin shows at the Municipal Auditorium in Long Beach at the foot of the famous "Pike" amusement pier?

Some time later, Courtney found himself living in Louisiana, so when TNA was originally organized, he missed the Port Lavaca maiden christening of TNA. As soon as he heard about TNA being organized, he joined just as quickly as he could and got involved in its everyday operation. Being an experienced numismatist by then, and a member of the San Antonio Coin Club, the Dallas Coin Club and the TNA, he wrote to Lewis Reagan, who was then president of the ANA, inviting him to the TNA Convention in San Antonio in 1963. Reagan responded by attending the convention where many TNA members were able to meet this noted numismatist. According to our Standing Rules, the annual Lewis M Reagan Award was established in honor of this noted numismatist

Coffing ultimately found himself in Germany for a five-year tour, where he became the first president of the German-American coin clubs in Wiesbaden and Kaiserslautern. The first edition of Whitman's "Brown Book" of world coins came out while Coffing was in Germany. The Germans decided that it would be quite proper to trade world coins at 50% of the value listed in the brown book. In all of these preceding years Coffing did not collect paper money. He was strictly interested in coins and the previously noted sales tax tokens. He attended many coin shows, but had no interest in having a table; however, he did do a little dealing in numismatic supplies.

When he returned to the States, he joined the *Coin World* Staff and, when Amos Press acquired *Numismatic Scrapbook,* Coffing was named Executive Editor of it and also *World Coins Magazine.* After 18 years at *Coin World* he retired and discovered a whole new interest – paper! Not just any paper, but rather paper Notgeld Chester Krause, the very brilliant publisher of quality numismatic publications, made Coffing the editor of *Bank Note Reporter* for 3 1/2 years Without a hands-on supervisor, Coffing decided to author a newsletter about Notgeld titled THE FRAKTUR, which has been published for over 12 years. Still not finding enough to keep him busy, he wrote the 184-page *"A Guide and Checklist of World Notgeld, 1914 - 1947".* Last October, the second edition of that guide was released, with 400 pages of abundant illustrations and color photos of the Notgeld. It is in soft cover format with more than 1,000 photos of Notgeld and over 100 color photos. It also covers the 60 nations that issued emergency money from 1914 through 1947. Coffing's primary purpose for the book is to identify each town that issued Notgeld and in which form It can be used as a checklist to help the collector ensure a complete collection or help him identify his needs.

Although it sounds as if our longest member has done it all, we need him to continue in his chosen field After a short breather for the 80th anniversary of his birth, he plans to start a project to publish a bibliography of world Notgeld publications I'm betting that he'll continue his membership in the TNA and finish his bibliography

UNITED STATES COIN GLASS

E. B (Robbie) Robinson
President, Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Club

If you collect coins and also have an interest in antiques or glassware, then United States coin glass may be something that is right up your alley I first learned about US coin glass from an article written by Edward Schuman in the January 25 1984 edition of *Coin World* US coin glass is one of hundreds of patterns of pressed glass that were produced by various manufacturers in the late nineteenth century. It is also one of the rarest of designs (for reasons explained later in this article). Prior to 1850, most glassware, for both table use as well as ornamental, was hand blown and was quite expensive for the times With the development of pressed glass, mass production and more affordable glassware was made possible. Since this method used molds, more ornate designs were also made possible on glassware. Competition between manufacturers was stiff in those days, and companies with new ideas for glassware tried to keep them secret to avoid piracy of designs

The manufacturer of US coin glass was Central Glass Company of Wheeling, West Virginia, one of the leading glass factories of the day. A big event was coming up in 1892, the Chicago World's Fair (also known as the Columbian Exposition), and Central Glass came up with the coin glass idea for that event The idea was to create table glass using US silver coins that were currently in circulation as motifs. The glass would further commemorate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the US mint.

The molds used were very intricate and took many months to produce The

designs used were the seated liberty motif for half-dimes through half-dollars For the one-dollar denomination, the Morgan Dollar was used These were the designs that were in circulation in 1891. Unfortunately, Central Glass did not realize that the mint would change the seated liberty design to the Barber design in 1892 All seated liberty coins depicted on the glassware bear the

date 1892. The only glassware having the correct motif with the 1892 date are the ones with the Morgan dollar One denomination that was in circulation at the time was not used, the three-cent silver, or trime. This was probably an oversight.

Twenty-seven different types of tableware were produced with the coin designs. The pieces ranged in size from smaller wineglasses, berry bowls, and sauce dishes to larger pitchers and platters. Generally, the smaller pieces displayed the smaller coins such as half-dimes through quarters while the larger items displayed half-dollars and silver dollars The designs were made with both clear and frosted coin motifs.

The World's Columbian Exposition was billed as the greatest world's fair up to that date. It was held in Chicago a year later than originally planned It commemorated the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the New World by Columbus. The grounds were covered with canals and the larger buildings were covered with plaster that resembled white marble in the sunlight. The grounds were well lit at night, and in fact, used more electricity than the entire city of Chicago The Building of Manufacturers and Liberal Arts was the largest building constructed at a world's fair up to that time. The Central Glass Company exhibited its wares in this giant building, which spanned an incredible 40 acres. The glassware was an immediate success at the exposition and sales were brisk until an agent from the Treasury Department happened to see the glassware and remembered that a federal law prohibits the manufacture or use of United States coin designs on any item. As a result, the pressing molds were ordered to be destroyed and all unsold glass was confiscated and destroyed This accounts for the rarity of the glass It is estimated that only a few hundred pieces of this glassware exist today.

I own one piece of this glass, a sauce dish which displays frosted seated liberty quarters. At least to me, how I came to own my specimen is just as incredible as the rest of this coin glass story. As I said earlier, I had first read about US coin glass in *Coin World* in January of 1984. Although I am primarily a coin collector, I found the article by Edward Schuman to be extremely interesting and vowed to keep an eye open at antique shops or garage sales for any of the coin glass pieces. I really didn't expect that I would find any, given their rarity (and even if I did, an example would probably cost me an arm and a leg) Two days after reading the article, my sister and I decided to pay a visit to our 86-year old aunt, Mattie Prudence (Robinson) Brotherton She was the youngest of my father's nine brothers and sisters and the only one still living She resided in Matador, Texas, which was about a two-hour drive west of our hometown of Electra Shortly after arriving at her house, I happened to look over at a hutch in her dining room and my eyes immediately fell upon this clear glass sauce dish with frosted 1892 quarters on it. You would have thought I had just seen a mint state bank wrapped roll of 1877 Indians or something. I just couldn't contain my excitement and I asked her where she had gotten it *"Why, your grandfather brought that to your grandmother from the Chicago World's Fair in*

1892\'94," she replied Needless to say, I nearly passed out My grandfather, Franklin Caldwell Robinson (b 1845, d 1909), though a farmer, was quite a traveler A few years earlier, my mother had given me a cup and saucer that he had brought to my grandmother from the Saint Louis World's Fair in 1904 I quickly relayed what I had read just a couple of days earlier in the article Because of my excitement, Aunt Mattie said that she just might consider giving me the piece some day She was true to her word She sent it to me by way of her son who came to visit a couple of months later I have really enjoyed owning the coin glass over the last several years and I have shared the story at various area coin clubs and even the Iowa Park Lions Club.

My aunt passed away in November 1985, about 8 months after giving me the glassware She had always been my favorite aunt, and needless to say, owning the coin glass has done nothing but to further endear her in my memory

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COINS IN SHIPS

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Many of us are topical or thematic collectors We enjoy collecting or assembling items that relate to each other and then we pick a title that best describes our exhibit or article It would be very common to see an article or an exhibit with a title such as Ships on Coins. But, would a title like Coins and Ships or Coins on Ships or even Coins in Ships pique your interest even more? Well then, let me explain why I have selected that title for this article.

I have been extremely interested in watching the planning, building and launching of the USS Ronald Reagan, CVN 76, at Newport News Shipbuilding facility at Norfolk VA for the U.S. Navy. The Reagan promises to be the largest aircraft carrier in the world and will be able to be at sea for years without refueling It will demonstrate to the rest of the world that we are capable of enforcing any peace plan or providing protection rapidly to the oppressed anywhere in the world in a very timely manner.

An article in a recent issue of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society Log, stated that Captain John W Goodwin (the Prospective Commanding Officer of the Ronald Reagan) placed his gold naval aviator wings and a special "national coin" (medal?) based on Ronald Reagan's "Four Pillars of Freedom" and some miscellaneous coins under the island house as it was being mated to the hull. For "landlubbers", the island house is that huge superstructure that rises above the flight deck and contains the bridge, pilothouse, control rooms, air operations and all of the masts, antennas and radar arrays that one sees looming above the flight deck

Ordinarily, and because of its size, the island superstructure is assembled piece by piece atop the flight deck as the rest of the ship is being built The island house for the Reagan is a different design from other Nimitz class carriers and was created for the first time in a three-dimensional product model environment On the Reagan, the shipyard is using the newly perfected modular assembly concept where major portions of the ship are built at different locations within the shipyard They are then brought together at the dock and assembled to complete the ship On November 11, 2000, the completed 650-ton island structure was hoisted aboard the carrier by huge cranes. At that point, the time-honored nautical tradition of placing coins beneath the mainmast during a ship's construction was fulfilled

What about this tradition of placing coins under the mast or somewhere within the structure of the vessel? How did it get started and why is it still practiced, especially by the world's greatest Navy? The tradition of placing a coin(s) beneath the mast of each new ship, as it is built, has been practiced by the ship building industry and has been a Navy tradition for many, many years. The earliest report of coins beneath the mast step, as it is called, comes from the discovery of the Quanzhou ship It was a large medieval vessel discovered in the mud near Quanzhou in Fujien, China An entire set of coins was found in the stepped scarf joints in her keel Amazingly, the coins were

arranged to represent the stars of Ursa Major and the moon The practice of placing coins aboard at time of construction was certainly known in that region and is still being practiced more than seven hundred years later. Another early example was reported by the Duyfken Foundation It reported that the Vejby Cog, dated 1370, using the dendrochronology method, was determined to have had three coins in the mast step It also indicates that the practice of placing coins beneath the mast goes back to medieval times.

The tradition or practice is not always limited to the mainmast The concept seems to be that something of value must be placed in the vessel in a safe and secure area to ensure that some value will be received from the vessel over its life. In Indonesia it was common practice to place a coin or piece of gold in a mortise and tenon joint in the keel In other cultures a scrap of cloth that had been blessed, along with a few grains of rice, are often placed into the joint as well to possibly symbolize the biological conception of the vessel

Research also reveals that the tradition of placing coins beneath the masts of ships being constructed began in the days when Greek Mythology was popular. I have heard, and read, all kinds of theories about the early day sailors and their fear of crossing one of the rivers of Hades across which Charon ferried the souls of the dead. The river Styx carried with it a fear that, unless the souls reached the other side, they would drift forever and would never find peace. Therefore, coins were placed under the masts of all sailing vessels to ensure that there would be money to pay the fare of the crew's spirits across the river. As time passed and man became more educated, refined and experienced, the tradition began to fade Except in the U S Navy! Today's Navy continues to honor this tradition to the extent that some units go so far as to cast, forge or strike their own "coin", medal or talisman to place aboard each new vessel. They also have a formal ceremony, so the tradition lives on It would be wonderful if the Navy or the shipbuilder would document specifically what item is being placed on each ship and where It would surely give numismatists a new field for study

When the new Aegis Destroyer, the USS Sullivans, DDG 68 was built at the Bath Iron Works in Bath ME in April 1997, it was proudly announced that $ 68 in U.S coins and a few other items had been placed beneath the step of the mainmast. There were two quarters, one dime, one nickel and three cents as well as five laminated "stamps", a green shamrock charm and the name of one of the five Sullivan brothers. Dates of the coins were not recorded, but the local newspaper carried a photograph of the Prospective Commanding Officer holding all of these items in his hand at the time.

The February 2001 issue of The Numismatist carried a story by James C. Johnston, titled, "Digging around for Great Coins". The author mentioned that the USS Constitution was constructed near Boston in 1797. It was completed too late for the naval war of 1800 against France, but it did participate in the Barbary War off the coast of Africa and then distinguished itself again in the War of 1812. When the ship was built, the old Navy tradition of placing coin(s) beneath the masts was fulfilled by placing a silver

coin under the mainmast, a copper coin under the foremast and a $10 1797 gold eagle under her jib Identification of the type and date of the coin is one of the very, very few cases I have found that would be of assistance to a researcher or numismatist. Unfortunately, most reports identify only "coin", "coins", "objects" or "talismans" and nothing specific such as denomination, date or other identifying data.

Here we have documented a period of more than 700 years in which this old nautical] tradition has been practiced. Were the coins talismans? I think not. The coins had no magical properties. They could not confer supernatural or protective powers to the sailors aboard and they certainly weren't consecrated. If they were truly protective, the Titanic would still be afloat, as would be the USS Arizona and the USS Indianapolis and all of the other famous vessels that are now at the bottom of the sea.

This very old tradition of placing coins under the mast was practiced all over the world it the days of sailing ships when virtually every ship had sails and needed masts With the advent of steam power, followed by diesel power and finally atomic propulsion, the need for masts declined Many countries terminated the practice of placing coins under the mast. As steel ships became popular and electronics became more advanced, there was even some concern that the coins, being metal, would affect the calibration of the extremely sensitive electronic navigation equipment Those wishing to continue the tradition even tried paper money and non-metallic talismans. To my knowledge, only the U.S Navy has turned this old tradition of questionable protective value into a full-fledged ceremony that is practiced with fanfare at the launching of every ship.

Throughout this short article, I have referred to placing coins beneath the mast, mast-step or in keel joints during new construction. This tradition seems to also have been followed not only on new ships, but also during refitting or mast replacement on old ships. There are reported cases of finding up to seven (7) coins under a mainmast that was replaced numerous times during the life of the vessel That ship's log indicated that the mainmast had, indeed, been replaced seven times due to wear and/or breakage Researchers also raised the question whether every U S Navy ship had coins placed beneath its masts and whether those included king posts, M frames on supply ships and stepped masts on vessels without a mainmast. The answer seems to be, "yes." If the U.S Navy vessel didn't have a mast, per se, some other part of the superstructure that mounted the antennas, flag arms or the like would serve the purpose of being a receptacle for these coins

Now that you know a little about "Coins in or on Ships," you might want to head for the nearest shipyard or used boat lot and see what you can find underneath the mast, in the keel joints or underneath the island house. Just don't tell them that I sent you!

NUMISMATICS on the "WEB"

Many sites of interest to readers of the TNA News are available on the Internet. I will publish. If you have a favorite site, please let me know the address. All sites will be added at the sole discretion of the editor

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2002 TNA CONVENTION

The 44th Annual 2002 Texas State TNA Convention will be held at the Amon Carter Center in the Will Rogers Complex, 3401 W. Lancaster off I-30 & University or Montgomery in Fort Worth TX 76107 This show will host 175 dealers from all over the United States. There will be a TNA Book Auction, TNA Medal Sales, Educational Exhibits and Seminars, a supply store, grading service, and a TNA Youth Auction on Saturday. The Bureau of Printing and Engraving will be setting up and offering sheets of uncut currency, professionally packaged premium products, special souvenir cards, engraved prints, shredded currency, and numerous specialty items. Their exhibit will contain bonds and notes with a face value of a billion dollars. Plan now to attend this three-day show to be held May 10-12, 2002 in the Central Texas Room. For dealer application or more information contact. David & Ginger Pike, TNA Bourse Chairmen, P O Box 261748, Plano TX 75026-1748 Email TexasCoinShows@aol com

THE PAPER TRAIL

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY FOOD SERVICE SCRIP

By Frank Clark

It was May of 1976 and I had just finished my junior year at North Texas State University in Denton, Texas. I was outside the fraternity house when I saw something lying in the street. I thought it was money! I went out into the street to pick it up and it turned out to be not money, but what this article is about Also, it was an item that I added to my budding collection of paper money and related items. As I picked up the item, I remember thinking, "What is this?" The item lying in the street turned out to be a recently expired piece of food service scrip for Texas Woman's University. TWU is the other university in Denton that is on the other side of town. Hey, this is better than any old dollar that would be spent and soon forgotten! I did not know of a food service scrip program at TWU until I found this piece of scrip. NTSU did not have a similar program at least while I was there A couple of years later, I did show the TWU food service scrip to a student attending there and she said the program had been discontinued, but she was not clear on exactly when. I also contacted Brenda Floyd, Vice President for Finance and Administration for TWU. She could not find anyone who could give specific details on the food service scrip program. However, the general recollection was that the scrip was used only for a short period of time because of problems associated with losing the scrip and who was liable for replacement The scrip is four inches by two and a fourth inches and green security paper is used The front of the scrip reads as follows:

> TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY
> FOOD SERVICE SCRIP
> $1.00 (Texas Woman's University Seal) $1 00
> VOID AFTER MAY 16, 1976

The back reads·

> $1.00
> VOID
> AFTER MAY 16, 1976

All of the writing is in blue ink except the "void" statement on the front is written in black ink I was very lucky to find this interesting piece of scrip You never know where the next addition to your collection might come from!

UNITED STATES COINS—*A "PRIMER"*

JEFFERSON NICKELS

The Jefferson nickel was minted from 1938 through the present time. All of the nickels, except the "war nickels" were made of copper and nickel. From October 1942 to 1945, nickel was removed from the coin and was used for the war effort. During this time, nickels were made from copper, silver and manganese and had a slight design change. The mintmark was increased in size and placed above the dome, and nickels made at the Philadelphia mint had a mintmark "P" on them. In 1946 the "P" mintmark was removed. Starting in 1968, the mintmark was moved to the obverse side and is right after the date. Starting in 1980, the "P" mintmark was brought back and placed on the obverse.

Felix Schlag designed both the obverse and reverse. He won an award of $1,000 in a competition with 390 artists for his design of the five-cent piece that honors Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence and third President of the United States. The reverse depicts Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home. In 1966, his initials FS were added below the bust. There were slight design changes in 1971, 1972, 1977 and 1982.

The key dates are 1939 D, 1939 S, 1942 D, and 1950 D.

Composition:

1938 – 1942 and 1946 to date--75% copper 25% nickel

1942 - 1945 56% copper, 35% silver, 9% manganese

Weight:

1938-1942 and 1946 to date--5g

1942 –1945--0.056256 oz. of pure silver

Diameter: 21.2mm

Edge: Plain

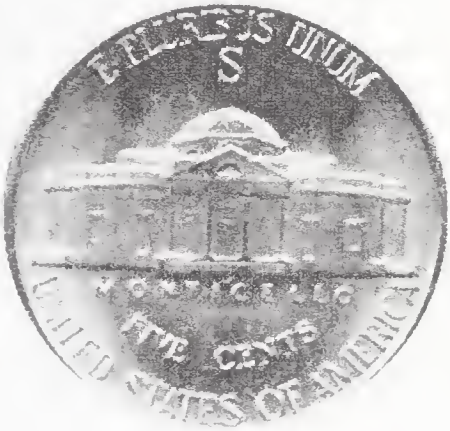
WARTIME NICKELS

In 1942 shortly after the U.S. entered World War II (WWII), congress passed the War Powers act. The main intention of the act was to mobilize manpower and resources for the military. Among the items needed were the raw materials nickel and copper already being used for the nation's coinage. Since the mint had a large stockpile of silver, the Treasury decided to use that metal in place of nickel to save an estimated 435 tons of nickel a year.

There were two major problems to solve: first, what alloy of silver and other metal(s) to use, and second, how to make the alloy acceptable to pay phones and vending machines. The Treasury first suggested an alloy of 50% silver and 50% copper. The *New York Times* reported that this alloy was acceptable for use, but by August the price of silver had risen to a point where the bullion value was greater than the five cents of the coin. The 50-50 ratio of silver to copper would have resulted in an actual silver weight of 0.08 ounces, slightly more than the silver in the dime. The mint snapped into action experimenting with several different alloys before settling on 35% silver, 56%

copper, and 9% manganese This alloy proved satisfactory to the vending industry. Unfortunately, the mint had problems making the alloy homogenous The issue always had problems with laminations and streaky toning due to the different rates of oxidation of the metals

According to the *New York Times*, the mint began making new coins on September 18, 1942 and they were released to the public October 18. Coinage continued until December, 1945, when Congress approved legislation to discontinue the silver alloy and return to the previous 25% nickel and 75% copper alloy. In order to distinguish the silver coins from the others, the mint moved the mintmark from the side of Monticello to above the building dome and made it much bigger. This was the first time the mint used the P mintmark for coins struck in Philadelphia.



COMING NEXT MONTH: BUST HALF-DIMES

THE NEW STATE QUARTERS
KENTUCKY

The Kentucky quarter, the fifth and last quarter in the 2001 series, shows the stately mansion, Federal Hill, with an inscription that reads, "My Old Kentucky Home." A thoroughbred racehorse is positioned behind a fence in the foreground of the quarter.

Kentucky was the first state on the western frontier to join the Union and is one of four states to call itself a "commonwealth." Kentucky is home of the longest running annual horse race in the country, the Kentucky Derby. The famous Kentucky Bluegrass country is also grazing ground for some of the world's finest racehorses. Also featured on the new quarter is another prominent symbol of Kentucky, Federal Hill, which has become known as "My Old Kentucky Home." The design shows a side view of the famous Bardstown home where Stephen Foster wrote the state song, "My Old Kentucky Home."

Kentucky's First Lady Judi Patton led the Kentucky Quarter Project Committee. The Committee received 1,800 design suggestions statewide and narrowed the submissions down to 12 finalists. The final designs were displayed in the front lobby of the Capitol and over the Internet from June 15-17, 1999. Over 50,000 residents of Kentucky cast votes for their favorite concepts that included "My Old Kentucky Home", a horse and a jockey, Abraham Lincoln's birthplace, and Daniel Boone. Governor Paul E. Patton selected the final design that features "My Old Kentucky Home."

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2001 in Review

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IN THE
TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

This association is a non-profit, educational and scientific organization founded in January 1960. It is purely a mutual association founded for the benefit of its members

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PURPOSES:

To promote and advance interest and comprehensive knowledge of numismatics; to cultivate friendly relations among fellow collectors; to hold periodic meetings and exhibits; to provide a place and time to buy, sell and trade numismatic items, to serve its members collectively, not individually.

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Each Regular, Junior, Life and Chapter member receives the TNA News for no additional cost. Insofar as possible, this media will keep you informed about your association, and the individual and chapter members. It carries timely articles and features Its pages are free to all members to express their views and to contribute articles for the advancement of numismatics. Those seeking information may ask for help through the pages of the TNA News Those having items for sale or trade may advertise for a nominal sum The TNA News is the voice of the TNA.

CONVENTIONS:

The TNA will meet in an annual convention. Members are entitled to a voice at the conventions The business sessions are devoted to the procedures necessary to the operation of your state association Entertainment and time for renewal of friendships is an important part of the conventions Educational exhibits are a vital adjunct The opportunity to buy, sell and trade is provided through bourse activity

MEMBERSHIP:
Regular members are at least 18 years of age. Associate members are at lease 18 and a member of the immediate family of a regular member Junior members are 9 to 18 years of age Chapter members are those organizations as listed on the previous page.

APPLICATION:
Applicants for membership must be proposed for membership by a TNA member who signs the application form together with an additional person know as a voucher. A voucher for an applicant for regular membership should be an adult of reputable character who knows the applicant. A voucher for an applicant for junior membership must be a parent or guardian of the applicant Applicants for chapter membership should be signed by the president Such other information as required on the application should be given

Chapter membership applicants should furnish the additional information,

1 Names and addresses of officers
2. Name and address of TNA representative
3. Mailing address
4 Meeting date, time and place.

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October 20 **Austin,TX** **30 tables**
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Alamo Coin Show, sponsored by the Alamo Coin Club Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. at Loop 1604, near I-35 north Contact: Harold Eiserloh, Box 100714, San Antonio TX 78201-8714 (210)341-6587 E-mail eiserlohsat@juno.com.

CALENDAR of EVENTS--2002

January 18-20 **Houston, TX** **110 Tables**
Greater Houston Coin Club's 2002 Money Show Greenspoint Expo Center. 12300 I-45N (at Beltway 8) Contact: Chris Johns, Box 2963, Houston, TX 77258 (281) 444-2371. Email—ghccshow@hotmail.com.

February 16 **Pharr, TX** **50 Tables**
14th Annual Coin & Collectible Show, sponsored by the Hidalgo Coin Club of the Rio Grande Valley Pharr Civic Center, 1011 W. Kelly Contact Helen Snider, P O Box 1582, McAllen, TX 78505 (956) 631-8301.

February 23 **San Antonio, Texas** **35 Tables**
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DISTRICT I

Mid-Cities Coin Club (Club newsletter)

The Mid-Cities Coin Club held it's July meeting with forty members and guests present A hot dog dinner and fellowship was held to begin the meeting, which was followed by raffle and door prizes. The program was the club's annual bingo game where many members won numismatic prizes.

The August meeting had thirty members and guest in attendance. After the raffle and awarding of door prizes, Debbie Williams presented the program on error collecting.

DISTRICT III

San Angelo Coin Club (Club Newsletter)

The San Angelo Coin Club's June meeting was presided over by President Warren Griffin After the treasurer's report, a discussion of the upcoming club show was held including the potential conflict with another nearby coin club's show The local stamp club will also be approached about the possibility of setting up at the show. The club voted to purchase gold coins for the show raffle. After a short auction, the meeting was adjourned

DISTRICT IV

Capital City Coin Club (Internet Report)

The June 21, 2001 meeting was called to order by President Francis Smith at the Austin History Center There were 17 members, two guests and one new member present The club is looking for a new place to hold its club shows in 2002. Bryan Jones is looking into the situation and will report to the club at a later date The show and tell began with Mitch London's 1972 Redbook that had been assembled upside down and had been signed by the author R. S. Yeoman He also brought two Army/Navy Civil War tokens Palmer Midgett brought a Civil Service Texas Treasury warrant for $250 from the Civil War, a French Indochinese 50 cent coin from 1936, very high grade and a Edward IV note undated from about 1461-1463 The meeting concluded with the door prizes

The July 19, 2001 meeting was held at the Austin History Center and called to order by President Francis Smith There were 17 Members present Sylvia Chase-Meadows is the new Secretary-Treasurer replacing Roger Moulton Francis Smith gave the program He showed a video on "The Mint" which had been aired on the Discovery Channel The video shows

how today's coins are produced from beginning to end with an emphasis on the new gold color Sacagawea dollar Door prizes concluded the meeting.

President- Francis Smith

Williamson County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Aug 2, 2001 meeting of the Williamson County Coin Club was called to order by vice president Don Vaughn with 8 members present The first order of business was the short-snorter - a 1993 Manat of Turkmenistan (pk 1) There was no treas report or new business so it was on to mentioning upcoming shows. From there it was on to the all-important .. SHOW & TELL. Don Led off with the new Buffalo Dollar set (coin, stamps, replica note) which out immediately. He also had a " public debt notice " issued by the Republic of Texas in 1852. Jeffrey passed around a handout of articles on the upcoming issuance of the new Euro in Europe. Bruce showed off a copy of the book "Guide to Morgan & Peace Dollars" by Van Allen and Mallis (the VAM book) George had a 1902 $20 national banknote from Brady, TX Palmer intrigued us with a coin from Kiribati & Western Somoa that was specifically made cut in half where the 2 parts fit together to make a whole coin He also had 2 civil war notes - one from MD (1860) and one from MS (1864) Dan provided a US typeset (inc. the gold coins) as well as a set of the new state quarters. A member passed around a denarius, a silique, an antomonis & a penny of Edward (1270- 1303) explaining how each of these denominations played a part in our use of the small d as the abbreviation for penny Meeting adjourned

The Sept 6, 2001 meeting of the Williamson County Coin Club was called to order by president Kammer with 13 members present (standing room only) The short-snorter for the month was a 1991 10 centavo (pk 169) of Nicaragua Treasurer's report given, Our Christmas Dinner was brought up under new business and a committee was appointed to check on availability & prices of Bobs Catfish and More as well as the favorite Coupland Dance Hall It was also decided that we would have $25 for door prizes this year and Jeffrey would handle it again this year The next order of business was the upcoming coin shows. Rod mentioned that we got a copy of San Antonio Clubs newsletter and request for nominations from TNA. No other business - So on to SHOW & TELL ...Don showed off his new Buffalo Dollar set A member passed around a bronze Arab Dirham (1152-1176) with Gemini & Virgo on the obverse. He also had a Spanish coin of alphonso XI (1252-1284) and Sancho IV (1284-1295) Marvin had a page handout on the Euros (the was some discussion) and several tokens - a 20's or 30's from Palmolive -peet for cake soap, a good for with 1080 on back & a possible amusement token with "Ginger " in script and K.K on one side. Rod showed off 7 coal mine tokens from WV that he found on EBAY. He also had an "Iron Nickel" from Virginia, MN made out of aluminum. Gerry read a short article on local Argentina notes that demonstrated how bad inflation was. Don V produced a crisp confederate note with "readable"

writing on the back Palmer told us about his trip to Savannah GA and the Pirate House restaurant passing around a token from there. Harlan explained a little of the history of the swastika and how it evolved with beautiful drawings Bruce passed around 2 Talers - one with a knight (1588) and the other from Transylvania (1621)

Jeffrey Jon Meyer-sec

DISTRICT V

Collin County Coin Club (Club Newsletter)

The June meeting of the Collin County Coin Club had 27 members in attendance Door prizes began the meeting, which was followed by a business meeting. The club voted to bestow a silver eagle for each year of service to the club officers. Tony Hales provided the program on Susan B Anthony business strikes vs. proof strikes After a short auction, the meeting adjourned

The July meeting also had 27 members in attendance. The club voted to remain as a member club of the ANA Door prizes were awarded as well as the winner of the club lottery. Donnie Ranes presented the program on small size notes, red seals and how they began in Puerto Rico. A short auction closed the meeting.

The Collin County Coin Club meets at 7.00PM on the third Thursday of the month at the Steak Kountry Restaurant in McKinney.

Dallas Coin Club (Club Newsletter)

The June meeting of the Dallas Coin Club was opened by President Ron Blaha who was returning from a two-month absence TNA Governor and club member Hal Cherry gave an update on the TNA Governors meeting, the TNA library and the children's auction at the annual TNA convention. Mike Grant gave an update on the Texas Quarter contest The club urged members to be on the lookout for a new meeting location. Ron Blaha gave the program on Nova Eboric Coinage Coppers after which an auction and raffle closed the meeting.

The July meeting was held at the new location, La Calle Doce restaurant with sixteen members and one guest present (the guest subsequently became member #742) Discussion as to the new meeting site and the club information on the ANA website was held Frank Clark passed out educational awards and Gary Hill gave an update on the Texas Quarter Program. Door prizes, raffle and a short auction closed the meeting.

DISTRICT VI

Bellaire Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The July 2 meeting of the Bellaire Coin Club was presided over by Tim Conway due to President Bevil's attendance at the ANA summer seminar A discussion of the upcoming club show and children's auction was

held before Michael Doyle gave the program on "The 30 Rules of Con Collecting".

The July 16 meeting began with a "lickem and stickem" party to put labels on the show reminder cards Discussion about the upcoming show dominated the meeting. The program was a member show and tell

The August 20 meeting began with a reminder of the cancellation of the September 3 meeting due to Labor Day. Discussion of the recent show was held and future shows were discussed. Carl Schwenker gave the program *on "Toning Around the Clock."*

The Bellaire Coin Club meets at 6:30PM on the first and third Monday of the month at the Bellaire Public Library, 5111 Jasmine.

Greater Houston Coin Club (*Double Shift*—Club Newsletter)

The June meeting of the Greater Houston Coin Club had eighteen members present. The recent flood and damage to the city and members property was discussed. A report on the 2002 Money Show was given and then the club entered into a discussion on possible disposal of the club library. Action was delayed until the September 20 meeting. The club voted to donate $25 to the ANA Convention Program Patron Appeal and the club ballot for ANA officers was completed. After a trivia quiz *on "what do you know about money,"* a program on *Coin Glass* was given. A short auction closed the meeting.

The July meeting had seventeen members and one guest present A show report, on future shows in the area, the ANA convention and the club show was given Discussion was held again on the disposition of the club library as well as a new club meeting place. After an auction and educational program, the meeting adjourned.

DISTRICT VII

Alamo Coin Club, (*"Alamo Coin Clips"*-- Club Newsletter)

The June 14 meeting of the Alamo Coin Club had 32 members and four visitors in attendance The meeting began with a member roundtable with members showing many interesting numismatic items, including a 3" over-sized Indian penny, a 2001 proof set, a 1900 O/CC Morgan Dollar and some foreign coins The club was given a report on the upcoming club show and certificates of appreciation from Arlon Seay middle school were presented to Jim J and the club for presentations given to the school. The program was on Seated Liberty quarters and an auction closed the meeting.

The June 28 meeting had 23 members and one visitor (who subsequently joined) attending. After the member roundtable, door prizes were awarded A report on the August club show was given and an auction closed the meeting.

The July 12 meeting had 39 members in attendance At the member roundtable, members showed sales tax tokens from 19 different states,

ancient coins, Franklin Mint items and foreign coins After a report was given on the upcoming show, officers were installed by former President Wayne G. Willard Reade is the new President After the raffle was held, the program *"Numismatic Trivia"* was held. It was done with ten teams of four members answering a series of questions. The final winner was Maurice B. who won a 1921-S Morgan Dollar An auction closed the meeting.

The June 26 meeting had 33 members attending After the numismatic roundtable, a report on the August show was given, minutes and treasurers report approved and a constitution and by-laws committee formed. A raffle and auction ended the meeting.

The Alamo Coin Club meets at 7PM every second and fourth Thursday at the Maverick Café, San Pedro at Oblate in San Antonio

DISTRICT VII

Gateway Coin Club *("The Gatepost"*—club newsletter)

The July 5 meeting of the Gateway Coin Club had 26 members and one guest in attendance. The guest was welcomed into the club as its' newest member. A member roundtable had many interesting items shown, including three foreign banknotes, a gold plated Ike dollar, a counterfeit Indian cent and some foreign coins. After a raffle, an auction ended the meeting.

The July 19 meeting had 23 members in attendance. After the member roundtable and a raffle, Sam Foster, Jr. presented the educational program on the *"History of the Dollar Bill."* The meeting concluded with a mini-auction led by Don Bailey.

The August 2 meeting had 19 members and 2 guests in attendance. The club was reminded of a few courtesy rules in the new meeting place. After the member roundtable and raffle, a short auction closed the meeting.

The August 16 meeting had 22 members and four visitors in attendance. A report from the nominating committee was tabled until the next meeting. In the roundtable, members showed a USAF sergeant's patch, an altered Washington quarter, tokens from Guatemala and other interesting items After the raffle, Frank Galindo gave the program on *"The History of the TNA Medals."* He showed the members a complete set of bronze TNA medals A short auction ended the meeting.

DISTRICT IX

Lamb County Coin Club (Internet Report)

8 members attended the meeting of July 23rd After reading of minutes and treasurers report, club president David Keithley announced that dues are now due. All 8 members present paid their dues David also said this election time for club officers. David said that after ten years as club president, it is time for him to step down and called for nominations. Larry Sanderson nominated Earnest Mills for president There being no other nominations, Earnest was elected by unanimous vote Others elected to serve

was David Keithley, vice president, Melonie Aills, Secretary and Larry Sanderson treasurer Larry made a motion for the club to give David a gift in appreciation of his service to the club. Larry will select a gift and present it at the August meeting. Larry made a motion that at the August meeting we have a bingo night with donated items to be given to the winners. Motion passed. Melonie won the door prize and a trade session followed.

The Lamb County Coin Club held our 28. August 2001, meeting at S&M Coins. There were 8 members present and 5 guests. Two of the guests, children, joined the club as junior members President Ernest Mills presents, on behalf of the club, outgoing President David A. Keithley, Jr with a plaque of appreciation for his ten years of service as president The plaque read, "David A Keithley, Jr. / PRESIDENT / Lamb County Coin Club / 1991-2001." A 2001 Silver Eagle and a George W Littlefield commemorative medal were attached at the bottom. (George W Littlefield was the founder of Littlefield, TX, the seat of Lamb County and location of the coin club) This was the club's fund-raising BINGO night! Playing different types of BINGO games (4-corners, blackout, diagonals, etc.) for 25 cents a card; the club made a good deal of money. Numismatic items were given as prizes. Plans were made for Harvey Miller to give next month's programs. We're not sure what the program will be -- Harvey is an adamant collector of Silver Dollars, but he did mention something about coins from the Civil War Whatever the program will be, it's sure to be informative and fun! Ernest Mills won the door prize, a 2001 Silver Eagle. Tentative plans were made for future club activities and programs New membership cards will be issued to club members and some number reassignments will be made However, David Keithley made the motion that numbers 1, 2, and 3 be retired from the club's roster in honor of Lamb County Coin Club Pioneers, "Jop" Joplin, Dr Oyer, and E L. Merriott. Larry Sanderson seconded this motion, and it passed unanimously The two and a half-hour long meeting dismissed just before 10.00 PM
Meloni Aills, LCCC Secretary

South Plains Coin Club, (Internet Report)

The July meeting of the South Plains Coin Club had 24 members present. A report from the board of directors meeting was given about charities chosen for the club to support this year. The club then gave an award of appreciation to President Rice for all her efforts. TNA Governor Pitzer gave a report on TNA before Rod Shaw gave the program on collecting world coins

There were 28 present for the Aug. 6th meeting of the South Plains Coin Club. There was no business or program due to this being our annual bourse night Twelve members set up tables and business was brisk with buying, selling and trading. Regular meeting will resume with the Sept 3rd. meeting.

E. L. Pitzer TNA Gov. # 9

DISTRICT X

International Coin Club of El Paso (Club Newsletter)

The May 3 meeting of the International Coin Club of El Paso had 38 members present Patrick Curran gave a report on the upcoming TNA convention. A short auction then followed and closed the meeting.

The May 17 meeting had 32 members and one guest present. New officers were announced with Chuck Steward being the new President A sample of a new newsletter was shown to the members. Patrick Curran gave the program on the recent TNA convention and the history of paper money

The June 7 meeting had 37 members present. The first order of business was the installation of the new club officers. A report on the new Texas quarter was given and a discussion of the revamped newsletter was held George Pratt will be doing the next three club programs on half-dollars Drawings and an auction closed the night.

The June 21 meeting had 28 members and one guest present. A report of silver quarters received in changed was related to the members. Programs for the club meeting until October were finalized Drawings for numismatic prizes ended the meeting.

DISTRICT XI

Golden Spread Coin Club (Club Newsletter)

The July meeting of the Golden Spread Coin Club had fourteen members present A discussion of changes and upgrades to equipment for the club show was held, as was a discussion of the Christmas party A discussion was then held on buying door prizes for the October club show A member show and tell followed by door prizes ended the meeting.

The August meeting had fifteen members and one guest in attendance It was announced that the location for the club Christmas party had been secured A nominating for next year was formed and a show report was given After a show and tell, door prizes concluded the meeting

DISTRICT XIII

Greenbelt Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Greenbelt Coin Club of Vernon has been on summer hiatus, but will resume on 10 September in its new meeting location at the Wilbarger Auditorium We look forward to seeing and meeting with all the returning members

Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club (Internet Report)

The regular monthly meeting was held on 26 July There were eleven members present, but no juniors Pauline Bowling, our "cookie lady", informed the membership that she is no longer able to bake her great cookies, due to failing health We will miss her cookies, but, more than that, we are

sorry that Pauline is not well Ted Brewer, our liaison with the church, announced that we have been asked to begin paying rent of $20 per meeting. Increased utility rates are causing many building owners to charge for the use of their facilities There were only six auction lots, all reference books donated by Roy Bowling

Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club

The regular monthly meeting was held on 23 August There were 20 attendees, including one junior and two visitors. Gene Wheeler, show chairman, will get with the people at the Multi-Purpose Event Center (MPEC) to find a time, probably in April, when we can have our annual coin show. All of our regular dealers seem to prefer a show in the Spring to a show in November President Robbie Robinson presented a program on "Comparison of Coin Prices" It was interesting to see that many coins, although of higher mintage, were higher priced than many coins of much lower mintage. President Robinson was also the winner of the membership drawing. Winners of the raffle prizes were Mary Jane Whyborn and Jim Barber. Robbie conducted a 25-lot auction

On a Personal Note

Ray and I had the good fortune to attend the South Plains Coin Club in Lubbock on 6 August We are members of this fine club in Lamonte Pitzer's district, but can usually attend only once or twice a year We hope we will be able to attend more often now that our daughter and family have moved to Lubbock. We now have a place to bed down (it is too long a drive to return to Seymour after the meeting) **and** an excuse to visit our kids We always enjoy the meetings and commiserating with our friends there

Submitted by Mary Jane Whyborn, Governor District 13

District XV

Beaumont Coin Club (Club Newsletter)

The June meeting of the Beaumont Coin Club had fourteen members and one guest in attendance After the treasurer's report and approval of the minutes, a discussion as to the place for the Christmas party was held. The club voted to allow Jerry and Barbara fill out the club's ANA ballot Judy Matherne presented the program on the Colonial Coins Texas Jola, the only Spanish coin made north of Mexico.

Greater Port Arthur Coin Club (Dollars and Cents--Club Newsletter)

The July meeting of the Greater Port Arthur Coin Club had sixteen members and two guests present. A report on the club web page was given and new pages were shown. A discussion for the September show was held After door prizes were awarded, Joseph Scott gave the program on collecting foreign coins A mini-auction ended the meeting.

The August meeting had fifteen members present A report on the club show was held and then Barbara Williams did ten *"did you know?"* questions about coins. Jerry Williams gave the program on collecting paper money A 15-lot auction ended the meeting.

The Greater Port Arthur Coin Club meets the first Thursday of the month at 7PM in the Jefferson County Clinic Building on Viterbo Road, adjacent to the airport

Silsbee Coin Club (Internet report)

The June meeting of the Silsbee Coin Club had eleven members present Jerry Williams discussed the fall show and its' progress Judy Matherne was chosen to fill out the club's ANA ballot It was announced that Jerry and Barbara Williams will become ANA Representatives for Texas and Louisiana at the ANA convention in Atlanta A report on the Texas quarter project was held before Jerry Williams presented the program on advanced coin collecting.

District XVI/XVII

Greetings from Sunny Waco! We have had a good year here in the Heart of Texas. Adult membership in the Waco coin club has grown by more than 10% this year The news on juniors is even better. The junior membership has more than doubled We used to have one or two juniors at each meeting last year, but now we regularly have six or more. The Waco Club held it's annual show in conjunction with the Waco Stamp Club. Approximately 50 tables were sold There were about 700 collectors attending Saturday and Sunday Many of these were new collectors. The club voted to obtain a roll of each now release of both the Denver and Philadelphia State quarters issues Each junior will receive both a P and D mint quarter free courtesy of the Club The remainder of the quarters will be sold to the club members at a slight markup Our annual club dinner was held at Uncle Dan's BBQ As was customary, no business was conducted during this meeting After the invocation the cry was "Dig In!" and dig in the members did We are currently considering holding a fall show Full particulars are not yet available, but the plan is to hold the show in the Exhibit Hall of the Texas Ranger Museum on I-35 by the Brazos River. This is a relatively new facility and is better than the old facility in the Waco Convention Center The amount of space is about the same, but there are no supporting pillars in the middle of the floor Proposed date will be the last weekend of October Tentative table fees will be $99 00 The next school year the club is considering the sponsorship of a Junior Club at St Paul's School It will be open to both 5th and 6th graders (plus any other children that have an interest in coins) There is also the possibility of sponsoring a junior club at the Connally School for both Junior and Senior high school members All in all, it has been a rewarding year for the Waco Coin Club.

Paul Garner--District 16 and 17 Governor

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